Veterinary Report

I examined a 7yr old Brown mare gathered in the Twin Peaks Gather on 8/12/10. This mare had a chronic injury to the Right Rear Pastern and Fetlock Region. This injury appeared to be over a year old and the mare suffered from an extremely swollen pastern and fetlock joint along with a 'Baseball-Sized' growth of proud flesh/Sarcoid. The mare was in visible distress, was thin and very uncomfortable. Due to the severity of this condition, I determined that the mare should be euthanized as I felt that she is unadoptable and was suffering from the pain and potential complications that this injury posed. This may have been an open fracture at one point or a severe puncture wound/wounds with resulting joint infection. The mare was euthanized with 60cc Fatal Plus IV. BLM personnel will take care of her.

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